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SUBJECT: GOU REACTS TO BRITISH "PROPAGANDA"

REF: KAMPALA 1016

1. AS MENTIONED REFTEL, ETIANG, ACTING FONMIN, MET WITH ACTING BHC BRIND ON MARCH 19. AS REPORTED IN PRESS, ETIANG SAID THAT PRES AMIN IS QTE GREATLY ANNOYED UNQTE AT CONTINUED BRITISH PROPAGANDA, NOTABLY IN SUNDAY TELEGRAPH. THEREFORE, ETIANG SAID, AMIN HAS DECIDED HE WILL NOT RECEIVE HEAD OF BRITISH HIGH COMM TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF EXPELLED BRITISH CITIZENS OR FIRMS AND THAT SPECIAL CABINET COMMITTEE ON BRITISH AFFAIRS WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE BHC. BHC MUST NOW CONFINE ITS CONTACTS TO QTE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS UNQTE. THIS, ETIANG SAID, WILL BE POSITION OF GOU UNTIL QTE DIRTY UNQTE BRITISH PRESS CAMPAIGN CEASES. ETIANG, ACCORDING TO PRESS, POINTED OUT THAT AMIN HAD MET OFTEN WITH BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES OVER LAST TWO YEARS, WHEREAS QTE BRITISH MONARCH, PRIME MINISTER OR EVEN FOREIGN SECRETARY UNQTE HAVE NEVER RECEIVED UGANDA HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON IN TEN YEARS. THEREFORE, CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO IN FUTURE WOULD BE STRICTLY ON RECEIPIOCAL BASIS.

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2. COMMENT: WE WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN BRIND'S VERSION OF THIS MEETING TO GET A BETTER HANDLE ON ITS SIGNIFICANCE. IT APPEARS TO BE, IN ANY CASE, ANOTHER DOWNWARD LURCH IN THE CURVE OF RECENT BRITISH- UGANDAN RELATIONS. LAST WEEK BRITS WERE FEELING GOOD ABOUT AMIN' S PARTY FOR DEPARTING BHC DEFENSE ADVISER ( KAMPALA A-76) AND REITERATIONS BY AMIN THAT BRITS ARE HIS " BEST FRIENDS". THEN THEY FELT BAD WHEN HE EXPELLED BRITISH CORRESPONDENT PHIL SHORT ( KAMPALA 910) AND WARNED THEM ABOUT POSSIBLE RETALIATORY MEASURES ( KAMPALA 1016). WE WONDER WHETHER BHC OR HMG WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE A POLICY OF " SITTING TIGHT" ( LONDON 3137) OR WILL DECIDE THE CURVE OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH UGANDA ( MEANING GENERAL AMIN) HAS A STEADY ALTHOUGH ERRATIC DOWNWARD BEND.

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